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THE HEAVENLY SCULPTOR.

Shrink not from suffering. Each dear blow, From which thy smitten spirit bleeds, Is but a messenger to show The renovation which it needs.

Failure in Personal Nobility.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER. Said that wise old Roman emperor, Marcus Aurelius, "Whatever any one does or says, I must be good, just as if the gold or the emerald or the purple were always saying this, 'I must be emerald, and keep my color.'"

The failure to do and be noble, when the occasion has arisen, the failure to be one's best self, the sense of falling short of one's own ideal, is failure of a different and far more pitilessly humiliating sort than the other.

To have had the opportunity to have spoken a word for the Master, and allowed it to pass with the word unspoken; to have sat by when a seer was uttered against what was to you holy, and have been too pusillanimous to rebuke the insult by look or speech;

Much as we condemn sin, it will remain in us while we strive alone to save ourselves from it. The power of Christ alone can break its force.

Having said this, there remains to be said, that too much introspection is apt to lead to morbid and unwholesome results. Should we spend our time in looking too constantly at our imperfect selves, life would sink into a sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

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Intemperance.

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